

UTAH PUBLIC FIRE EDUCATOR

UTAH STATE FIRE MARSHAL

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FROM FIRST ALERT

First Alert and Farmers Insurance have formed a partnership to get fire safety education in the homes of elementary school students and want to partner with local fire departments. Here is how it works. The local fire department connects with a local Farmers Agent and together they partner with their local elementary schools. A fire department does their school program and the Farmers Agent gives each child a CD with age-appropriate activities and caregiver



info. This is free tool for fire departments to enhance their programs.

New Fire Safety Resource Online - this is a free Elementary curriculum CD from First Alert. The Office of the State Fire Marshal has requested copies of the CD to review along with the Utah Fire and Life Safety Education Association and decide if it is something they will officially endorse.

Also, their educational [website](#), provides fire safety info. and a 10% coupon for online purchase of fire safety products.

FEATURED SITE

home safety called [My Safe Home](#) where viewers can take a self-directed safety tour of a home and yard to see demonstrations of fire and injury prevention subjects. Home fire sprinklers, burn prevention and escape planning are major parts of almost every room. The Home Safety Council also has a slide show of basic fire safety using the adult low literacy messages. You can [download](#) the flash file and use it on your site, at public events and in classes.

[Home Safety Council](#) has an educational site dedicated to

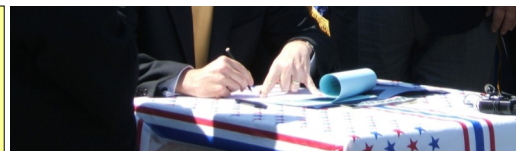
RECENT UTAH LEGISLATION

HB 31 The Utah Cardiac Arrest Survival Act allows an untrained person to use an AED or perform CPR without training, a license or certificate. This allows businesses to place an AED in a location with public access. Also, local 911 call centers can create a database of local AEDs and direct callers to the nearest device.

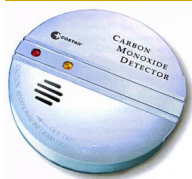
HB 402 Enforcement of Carbon Monoxide. Except for new construction, it is the residential occupant's responsibility to install and maintain a carbon monoxide alarm, not the landlord of the dwelling. SB 211 Building Code Amendments. The Fire Prevention Board and Uniform Building Code Commission no longer adopt codes but advise the Utah Legislature who now adopt all building and fire codes. A fire code for public welfare can be adopted by the Fire Prevention Board during the year. That code adoption is automatically repealed at the end of the next legislative session and whatever action or inaction taken during the session goes into effect.

SPRINKLER SAVE

A fire started in the ceiling of a Sacramento SPCA but sprinklers save the lives of 67 secured animals! [Watch the news video.](#)



CO EXPOSURE REQUIRES LONG- TERM CARE



Carbon Monoxide victims may need long-term care. Research published in *The New England Journal of Medicine* indicates that adults who were exposed for more than 24 hours or do not receive immediate treatment in a hyperbaric chamber have a higher risk of cognitive disorders six weeks after poisoning. Disorders include headache, low tolerance levels, decreased coordination, short-term memory loss and depression. CO poisoning is serious. We need to be spreading awareness that alarms are needed on every level of every home in Utah and of the need for intense medical intervention when poisoning is suspected. The Utah Poison Control Center reported about 300 calls for potential CO poisoning in 2008. They are a great resource for outreach programs and recently applied for a Fire Prevention and Safety Grant to improve carbon monoxide-related materials and alarm installation programs in Utah. See the [full story](#) in *The Salt Lake Tribune*.

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Occasionally this newsletter will profile new safety products. The Utah State Fire Marshal does not endorse these products, rather this section is an FYI of what is new in the field of fire and life safety.



During Baskin-Robbins 31 Cent Scoop Night, taking place **April 29 from 5-10 p.m.**, Baskin-Robbins stores will reduce the price of ice cream scoops to 31 cents to honor America's firefighters and create an opportunity for your local fire corps to raise funds for your department. Additionally, Baskin-Robbins will donate \$100,000 to support the NVFC National Junior Firefighter Program. Contact your local Baskin-Robbins store or visit the [website](#) to learn more.



TRAININGS

[Fire and Life Safety Educators Conference of the Rockies](#)

April 22 - 24, 2009
Winter Park, Colorado

[NFPA Conference and Expo](#)

June 8-11, 2009
Chicago, IL

[PARADE Conference](#) - Guest Delegate

May 13 - 16, 2009
NETC, Emmitsburg, MD
Openings are available for non-members to attend the bi-annual [PARADE Conference](#). Airfare is reimbursed, housing and ground transportation is provided, and a meal ticket purchase is required. If you are from Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah or Wyoming, reimbursement for meals and airport parking is also available. Interested? Contact [Monica Colby](#) right away. Applications must be approved by your region and faxed to Admissions by April 10.

IN REMEMBRANCE

April brings us remembrance of many tragedies including the Titanic, Oklahoma City Bombing and Columbine.

Past April Fires:

18th of 1906 San Francisco earthquake and fires - over 700 lives lost

23rd of 1940 Rhythm Nightclub fire in MS - 198 lives lost

21st of 1930 Ohio state prison fire- 322 lives lost

SAFE THE DATES

April 12 - 18 [National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week \(NTW\)](#)

April 24 - Utah Safe Kids media event and open house [www.utahsafekids.org](#)

April 26 - May 4 Safe Kids Week
[www.usa.safekids.org](#)

May 17 - 23 EMS Week The EMS Week [Planning Guide](#) is full of year-round injury prevention ideas.

June - Fire Prevention Week 2009 launches.

It isn't too soon to make plans for wildfire season. (Prescribed fire season is currently underway.) [www.utahfireinfo.gov](#)

SAFETY PRODUCT WATCH

Oliso Steam Iron - An iron as a fire and life safety product? No kidding. This iron lifts itself up a short distance and turns off the steam when the handle is released. The iron does not sit up on its base exposing the hot metal plate but remains parallel with the ironing board. It is also good for older adults because there is no need to lift and twist the iron, just grasp and release the handle. This design is more efficient than a traditional iron and better for the wrist. We, of course, like that it reduces the chance of burn injury and fire from a hot iron. Watch it [work](#).

